



tattersalls

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Sportsman of the Year

Simon Story has claimed the crown of "Tattersall's Sportsman of the Year" from a talented field of members including fellow nominees: Bob Sanders (Golf), Mark Roufeil (Skiing), Mike Ivanchenko (Fly Fishing), Mark Preston (Athletic Department), Peter Twigg and Roger Farebrother (Snooker).

Simon won the judges' votes with a tremendous series of competition swimming performances. From Surf Lifesaving to Roughwater Swims and from individual results to team contributions, Simon's swimming record and his sportsmanship have been outstanding. A true Tattersall's sportsman - congratulations Simon!

Above - Russell Debney presents Simon Story with the Sportsman of the Year Award.

Simon Story's Record

2001/02 season

- 1st Balmoral 6km swim age group 30-39,
- 1st Inaugural 10km South Head Roughwater (teams),
- 1st Dee Why 2km swim age group 30-34,
- 2nd South Curl Curl swim age group 30-34,
- 2nd 21 km Rottnest Channel Swim (teams 120-150),
- 3rd Bondi Beach Cole Classic age group 30-34 (18th overall),
- 3rd Mona Vale swim age group 30-34,
- 4th overall Inaugural 5km Coogee to Bondi,

2002/03 season

- 1st Easts Roughwater 2km swim, age group 30-34, (11th overall),
- 1st South head roughwater 10km (teams),
- 1st Bondi to Bronte (teams)
- 2nd State Titles Surf Lifesaving Championships, 30-34 Tube race,
- 2nd Cole Classic teams 100-149 years,
- 3rd overall 2km Balmoral Swim,
- 4th overall Coogee to Bondi swim,
- 4th State Titles Surf Lifesaving Championships, 30-34 Surf race,
- Completed Rottnest Channel Swim 21kilometres Solo 23rd overall.



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from the chairman

The Annual General Meeting of the Club dealt swiftly and decisively this year with the formal business of adopting the financial statements and passing the special resolution to amend the Club Rules.

The usual suspects were there to question the Committee on the niceties of depreciation protocols, staff salary arrangements and asset valuations. Apparently satisfied with the explanations and impressed, no doubt, by the Treasurer embracing, for the first time in my memory, modern technology in the form of digital graphs and pie charts, the 2002 accounts were unanimously consigned by the members to the history of the Club.

The election of the Committee was a mere formality this year with all incumbents standing and elected unopposed. For this, the Committee would want me to say how much we appreciate your confidence and your support as we again promise to do our very best for the Club for another year.

With the formal business behind it, I sensed that the meeting was beginning to react to the background activity of drinks and lunch being set up and to the promise of the reward to follow. But not before general business which is always a tense time for any Chairman as the floor is given up to the always articulate and inevitably pointed questions and statements from members.

In accordance with tradition, the matter of smoking in the Club was kicked off by Tony Salier whose form early in any match is always a scene setter for the play to follow. This year Tony followed up with a dubious biblical reference apparently providing grounds for further limitations on female involvement in the Club – a reaction perhaps to the idea floated earlier by me for female access to the Athletic Department at weekends.

Other items of general business this year included a request for the restoration of joining dates against members' names in future annual reports, a continuation of the plans to restore club memorabilia, more vigilance in enforcing the rules on mobile phones in the Club and questions on plans to celebrate the Rugby World Cup.

That over and the meeting as well, we all repaired to the bar and to the old friends we were so pleased to see again. But the best was to follow.

Well over a hundred members stayed for the Past & Present Lunch that, this year, once again, was the occasion for the presentation of

the Sportsman of the Year. Simon Storry triumphed over the strong contenders from other sporting disciplines after an extraordinary year for Simon of swimming, surfing and ocean racing achievements as well as for his high level of involvement in club activities and in his work for charity. Once again, our Sportsman of the Year has set a magnificent example to us all and Simon is a credit to his family and especially to his late dad and keen Tattersall's Club member, John Storry who would be as pleased as punch with Simon's achievements.

And then, the three wise men! I doubt that three speakers at any Club function have received as warm a reception as did Peter Twigg, Bas Phillips and Max Sernack. I had asked them to share a little of their love for the Club, its social history and anything else that they wanted to say to compare the club of today with that of the past. Peter chartered his course by reference to the soup of the day (which in times past was as fixed and certain as the day of the week) and of bookmakers, Monday settling rituals and legendary lunches. Bas, too, remembered the great characters who made their mark on the Club and of how the Club expanded into the newer sporting pursuits like skiing. Max recalled his wonderful days as part of the swimming mafia and of the strong friendships he had made in the Club.

What a highlight these cameos were. And how nice it was that Peter and Max had their member sons, Mark and Tony, present to see how good their dad still was on his feet.

To cap an excellent lunch, Max Sernack kindly agreed to help me present the 2003 Arthur O'Connor trophy for Clubmanship to Peter Twigg - and the tear in Peter's eye betrayed the strong contribution that Peter has made to Tattersall's Club as a committeeman and sportsman for much of his life.

And then to the bar ... but that was another story. A great occasion and we might just do it again next year!

Russell Debney

Chairman





secretary's report

What an exciting month in the Club, it started with the Australian Schoolboys Rugby fundraiser at Tattersalls which I attended on the 9th. It was a fantastic night and a great opportunity for the Club to showcase itself. MC Andrew Coorey kept the night moving along with interviews and anecdotes which entertained the many Club members and guests who attended. It was certainly an experience for me, as a former, fairly ordinary, sub-district player to be mixing with some of Australia's greatest Rugby players of the past.

The Annual general meeting was held on the 29th May and I would like to congratulate the Chairman, Treasurer and Committee on being re-elected. The meeting, which was attended by over 70 members, included an informative data presentation made by our Treasurer Denis Pidcock.

The AGM was followed by the Past & Present lunch, it was interesting to hear such Club luminaries as Bas Phillips, Peter Twigg & Max Sernack recount tales of the Club's past. As this was my first P&P lunch I found these speakers to be most absorbing, as did I'm sure all the guests at the lunch.

The other item on the agenda at the lunch was the Chairman's announcement of the Sportsman of the Year, this year's winner was Simon Storry, congratulations Simon.

We are presently contacting every member by phone to update our records, especially email addresses, I would like to thank all the members for their co-operation during this process.

Mark Bartrop

Secretary

REMEMBER

to encourage new members!

The new membership structure means there will be no lump sum joining fee. Instead, new members are debited \$100 per month for 12 months. (Under 30s fee: \$50) to be credited against purchases in the Brasserie/bar, or by attending a Members function. So, if a new member spends \$100 in the club each month for twelve months, the joining fee becomes nil.

PROPOSE THREE MEMBERS AND THE DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE

Members who propose three new members in the next six months will receive a complimentary bottle of Penfolds 389 for Lunch or Dinner in the Brasserie.

Is this a bribe? You bet it is. We've made it easy for your friends to join, so introduce us!

tattersalls into the year 2003 calendar of events

june

27th Young Members Night

july

9th Six in the City - Duo Sol

23th Comedy Night
(Includes Sorrenti, Harmer & Squires)

24th Bledisloe Cup Lunch

August

6th Duck & Pinot Night
(15 spots remaining only)

29th Six in the City - Duo Sol

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Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

club news



Simon Storry claiming the crown of "Tattersall's Sportsman of the Year"



Russell Debney presents the Arthur O'Connor trophy to Peter Twigg for outstanding Clubmanship



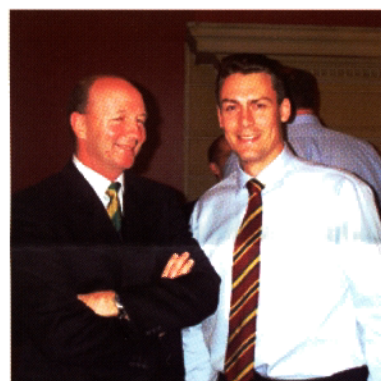
Contestants in the sportman of the year award



Jason Little & Nick Farr-Jones chat with Bob Sanders at the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Function



Guest speaker Bas Phillips at the past and present luncheon



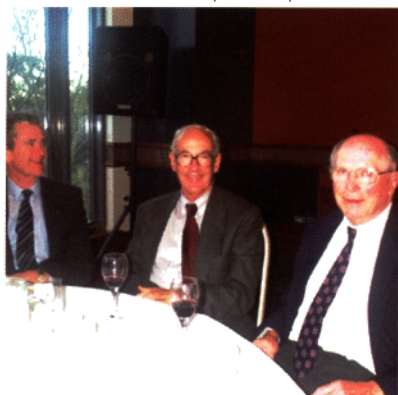
Paul McLean and Jason Little at the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Function



Guest speaker Peter Twigg at the past and present luncheon



Ray Love, John Purcell and John Greaves at the past and present lunch



James Brennan, Anthony McDonald & John Spruhan at the past and present lunch

A SHOT OF CASHMERE DOES WONDERS FOR CORDUROY

A corduroy jacket of Zegna quality is a very good thing to own but when Zegna blends cashmere with corduroy, what happens is very special indeed!

The friendly corduroy feel takes on a seductive lushness, the colour acquires a cashmere snootiness, the uneven wale enriches its character and the price becomes \$1600.

Vince Maloney has a handful of such jackets – either mustard or somewhere between ruby and rust. See them to believe them!

But beware – avert your eyes from Vince Maloney's silk-enriched overcoat; it is seriously tempting and you will keep wanting to stroke it. The mix is 50% wool, 30% camel hair, 20% silk. It looks like a millionaire blonde camel after an expensive shampoo and it feels like \$3600.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park
Next door to Tattersalls's ph. 9244 8837

NEW CONCERT SERIES

SIX IN THE CITY

CHAMBER MUSIC AFTER WORK AT SIX, IN THE CITY

DUO SOL



DUO SOL: Caroline Almonte, piano and Miki Tsunoda, violin.

Acclaimed in Australia and around the world as "exhilarating", "spontaneous and full of life" with a "creamy sound that seduces the audience", Six in the City by DUO SOL is conversational and playful.

Hosted by Tattersalls Club, the first Sydney concert also launches their new CD, *Infinite Heartbeat*.

Caroline & Miki will sign copies of their new CD after the concert (approx. 7:30pm).

6:00pm Wednesday 9 July
Level 3, Tattersalls Club
181 Elizabeth Street (opp Hyde Park)

Tickets

\$35 from Ticketek 9266 4800 / ticketek.com.au
(Ticketek outlet at 195 Elizabeth St)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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News from the AD

Dear Tattersalls AD Members,

The first six months of the New Year has seen a number of changes to your Athletic Department. At the start of the year our mission was simple: provide a facility that is collectively superior to all others in the CBD. A place that not only will ensure improvement in your health but one you feel excited to attend and most importantly, one of which you are proud to be a member.

Acknowledging that exercise science has progressed over the years, it became pertinent to focus on offering appropriate exercise alternatives for our member base. The beauty is that we have simply added to the training options we have always represented. This has made our facility more appealing for a greater number of members and this has certainly been evident in greater participation by members.

"Gyms" have often carried a tag of being aggressive, masculine environments. This perception has never intimidated me but has left many prospective gym users feeling apprehensive, often those who could benefit the most from regular exercise.

Your facility now offers an endless array of exercise alternatives – from lifestyle classes like Pilates and Yoga to high energy structured Boxing and Spinning classes.

Our facility attempts to differentiate itself from others by personal interaction. Members are not simply a number, but over time staff will endeavour to address all members appropriately, more often than not, by their christian name. This approach leads to a strong camaraderie within the facility and truly represents the foundations of the Tattersalls Club when compared to large commercial centres.

I would like to extend an invitation to those Members who haven't attended the AD lately. I am sure you will be impressed with the variety of training alternatives which are aimed to suit each individual Tattersalls Member.

Furthermore, I would like all members to feel welcome to bring guests to our facility. I am totally confident that our competent staff and world class facilities will make their visit a memorable occasion. Why not be proud to show off your Club!

This month:

1. **Guaranteed Results** - Edition 6.

This program displayed in the main gym is proving to be a success. It provides motivation as it challenges both mind and body.

2. **Skiing Program**

Lengthening and Strengthening Exercise program for greater enjoyment of your skiing. Similar to the Golf and Swimming program displayed in the gym. A workshop will be held Wednesday 18th June 1.00pm in the Gym (1/2 hour). Members and guests welcome.

3. **Golf Net & Driving Mats**

Open for hitting on Friday lunchtime (12-2). Balls will be supplied however I recommend you bring your own clubs. There will be some clubs available. Members can book the squash court if they wish to hit balls. Staff will erect the netting.

Special Achievements in May

1. Swimmers competing in the Byron Bay swim. Congratulations
2. Will Naughton who completed his first full marathon. Great job Will!
3. Arthur Huxtable completed both the Canberra and Sydney Half Marathons in consecutive weeks. I wouldn't have expected anything less from Arthur!
4. Greg Hickey completed the Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon. This is the first time Greg has completed the distance. Awesome!

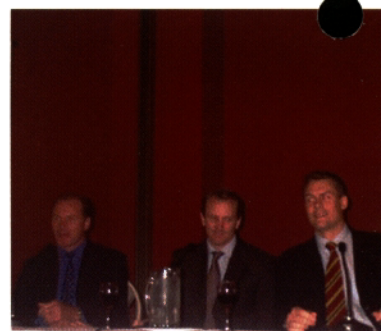
PS - Please let me know of any sporting or physical achievements of note.

Have a healthy month

Brad Pamp - AD Manager



Nick Farr-Jones and Michael Lynagh put on the spot by MC, Andrew Coorey at the Australian Rugby Schoolboys Night



Simon Poidevin, Brett Robinson and Jason Little at the Australian Rugby Schoolboys Night



tatts young members
presents a

Beer & Food Night

Imported Beers @ Local Prices

Substantial Bar Food throughout the Night

Toast a taste to Europe

Ladies Welcome Featuring

Yarra Burn Sparkling & Neil Mc Guigans

Hunter Wines

Friday June 27

**Hoegaarden
Leffe Blonde
Kronenbourg
Pilsner Urquell
Grolsch
Bavaria**

Golf Report

Tuesday 27 May, St Michael's Golf Club

A solid field of 20 members and guests braved very tough conditions for a good match. With a 20 knot cool south-easter and very heavy ground, percentage golf was the order of the day. An extra difficulty was that the greens (always good at St Mick's), were quite fast, especially compared to the heavy fairway conditions.

Some very commendable scores were returned, as well as some moments of brilliance from those who didn't have a good day overall. The event was individual stableford, with 4-ball (now actually called 2-ball) in conjunction.

Martin Sullivan played superbly in the conditions to record a runaway win. Rob Stephens threatened for a while but couldn't bridge the gap. Some excellent individual shots were observed; perhaps few better than Mark Roufeil's long iron to the difficult 15th.

Results

Singles

Winner	Martin Sullivan	37 pts
Runner-up	Rob Stephens	34 pts
3rd	Mike Bowe	32 pts

Commendable	Mark Roufeil	28 pts
	Bill Hannington	28 pts

2-ball Winners	Martin Sullivan	42 pts
	John Tierney	42 pts

Runners-up	Rod Austin	40 pts
	Rob Stephens	40 pts

Nearest the pin (12th)

Mike Bowe one of the few on the green!

It was good to see the event well supported given the threatening weather and tough ground conditions. While 20 players makes for a good event, we would like to see consistent fields of 30 or so to reduce the fragility in planning the event.

Next Event

August, Course and date TBA.

Annual Trophy.

A magnificent trophy which needs to be wrested from Bob Sanders clutches will the prize at the Annual Championship in November. We are working on a prestige venue, New South Wales is the target. Notices will be posted shortly. To qualify for the trophy, you must have a current AGU-recognised handicap. You can always play in the event with an unofficial handicap, minor prizes are also on offer for all comers.

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Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar



In month 4 Peter Thiel was successful in the 50 metres point score, with Pat "the rat" Bryant winning the 100 metre Clock Hotel Award. Peter lost three seconds, which will serve him right, even if just for trying to copy the "Thorpedo". David "the animal" Kemp pushed Peter to his limits and was looking to take out his first monthly. Keep trying David! From now on everybody will want to race Thiel.

The Club welcomed a new swimmer, Doug Simpson and will shortly welcome Chris Horsley.

The big news this month was Simon Storry being named Sportsman of the Year. The Swimming Club now has what I believe to be the first "hat trick" of this award coming from our ranks! Further proof we are doing something right. Warm congratulations to Simon, a deserved winner, a true sportsman and club member who shows all the qualities of a Tattersalls' man.

The Brace Relay was held on 3 June, one week early due to the Queens Birthday long weekend. Racing was very close and I believe, enjoyed by all. Make sure you are available for the next one.

John Greaves recently returned and promptly "proved" that "check starting" was not really necessary and the starter should just get on with it! Wrong again Cowboy! Hope you recover soon!

In ocean swimming, strongly circulating rumours advise that "Animal", "Panda", Brendan, "Rachel" and "Marki" left their indelible mark on the Byron Bay "beautiful people". Marki again left nothing to the imagination and showed more than his tattoo!! Reliable sources record the score at Byron was Luke 1, the rest nil! Who said size matters?

The "Maui 2003" trip requires your advice as to whether you wish to be involved. Please assist and give the organisers, Mick Gillis, Cesar Puertolas and Peter Thiel an indication of your intention. A lot of planning is required, teams to be selected, travel quotes obtained and escort boats to be organised and booked. Non-competing members are urged to consider going on this great trip with approved financial benefits. Even our dollar looks good.

Results of month 4 swimming were:

Tattersalls Gift Voucher 50m Award

1. Peter Thiel	36
2. David Kemp	34
3. Gary Wilson	31

Clock Hotel 100m Award

1. Pat Bryant	28
2. Cesar Puertolas	24
3. Tom Nolan	23

YTD – End month 4 – 50 m

1. Greg McMahon	111.5
2. Gary Wilson	96
3. Peter Thiel	95
4. Brendan Maher	84
5. Peter Gibson	83
6. Mark Roufeil	80

YTD – End month 4 – 100m

1. Brendan Maher	86
2. Cesar Puertolas	81.5
3. Tom Nolan	80
4. Greg McMahon	78
5. Pat Bryant	76
5. Peter Thiel	72

Swimmer of the Month – Month 4 Manchester Unity Award

Committee's choice – Tom Nolan

Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy

1. Anthony Powter	31
2. John McCosker	29
3. Andrew Torok	27

Coming Events

24 June 2003 – Swimming Club free lunch for "paid up" members.

31 July 2003 – Calcutta Auction Dinner – put this in your diary.

26 August 2003 – "Maui", Hawaii & return when you wish!



Welcome to Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur - Selamai Daiang

Having a son working in Malaysia, seemed like a good excuse for a short trip to explore the capital. It is only eight hours flying time from Sydney and provides a convenient break en route to Europe, with plenty of shopping and eating opportunities it is a good value, clean, and safe destination.

The big attraction in Malaysia is the shopping – clothing, shoes, bags, electrical gadgets, and handicrafts incl Selangor pewter and wood products from the Central Market Complex.

Computers, CD'S and DVD'S are also very cheap and the quality is mostly Ok. The best places for purchasing hardware and software are from Low Yat Plaza and MB Plaza, however, the "buyer beware" principle must be applied as most of the goods are copies.

Think huge Mega Malls like Singapore but cheaper and just as modern. The most famous is LCC (5 floors of everything you can wish for, from haute couture designer to every day affordable fashion). Above this shopping complex is the infamous Twin Towers – now, the tallest building in the world (88 floors). Other shopping centres include: Lot 10, Starhill Plaza, KL Plaza, Low Yat Shopping Centre and your best value for money shopping centre; Sungei Wang Plaza.

Petaling Street (known as Chinatown) is where you find the outdoor stalls where the copied CDs are about \$2.50. Also available from Chinatown are DVD's, fake bags, t-shirts etc. Bargaining is a must and expect to pay less than half of the original starting price. Good quality fake bags usually sell for no more than \$30 AUD.

HOTELS

The best is the Mandarin in the city centre (other 5 star hotels include the Sheraton, Shangri La and Ritz Carlton. JW Marriott is a good 4 star hotel.

RESTAURANTS

The expat area of Bangsar has lots of bars and restaurants. Some great spots in this area include the Telawi Street Bistro and a great Tapas bar called La Bodega.

If you love Indian food, "Passage Thru India" is about the best I have tried and far better than any of the top spots in Sydney. It is located near the majority of the large hotels in the centre of the city just off Bukit Bintang (main street).

Other recommendations include Bonton, Rama V and Resoran Seri Melayu for Malay food.



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NIGHTCLUBS

KL has some wonderful nightlife which is really worth exploring if that is your thing. Bangsar has lots of little cocktail bars which make wonderful and exotic oriental inspired cocktails. Other nightlife areas include the centre of the city off Bukit Bintang. The beach club is a fun retro/pop bar, with more serious clubbing and some of the best DJ's in Malaysia at the Atmosphere nightclub. As with most of Asia, the nightlife scene only starts after 11pm and mainly on Friday and Saturday nights.

SIGHTSEEING

Go to Carcosa Seri Negara for high tea.

The Genting Highlands offer a break from the sweltering heat of Kuala Lumpur. Expect to find a casino resort, cooler weather and a relaxed pace only two hours drive from Kuala Lumpur. If you wish to self drive, the signage is good, however, adherence to the road rules is different to Australia, anything goes.

If the beach is your idea of holiday, Langkawi is a great destination. Just 50 minutes by plane,

Langkawi is its own island and everything is tax free. There are many resorts on the island, ranging from the most exclusive The Datai and Andaman Resort to other reasonable resorts located around the island.

There really is something for everyone, world-class golf courses for the gents, shopping for the ladies, amusement parks in the Genting Highlands for the kids. Malaysia is really full of surprises. There are other places to visit such as Penang, Malacca, Selangor, Kuantan and more. The other island, Sabah & Sarawak is where your adventure holiday in Malaysia begins – think climbing Asia's tallest mountain, white-water rafting, trekking in the rainforests, diving, snorkelling and white sandy beaches.

Barbara travelled on Austrian Airlines to Kuala Lumpur and return. Austrian has five flights per week to Malaysia.

Do not hesitate to contact Barbara Whitten at Anywhere Travel on **9663-0411** or email barbaraw@anywheretravel.com.au for your next corporate or leisure trip.

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- * All above fares include applicable airport taxes.**

We talk to Anthony Cummings

3rd generation trainer of Group 1 thoroughbreds. Snooker player.

Where did you grow up?

Adelaide. I went to college there. I was smart enough, but I don't think "a good student" would be an apt description. I played in the 1st tennis and 1st 18 at school and later a few games for West Adelaide seconds.

Who began the Cummings racing dynasty?

My grandfather Jim Cummings started off in Alice Springs, working on a station. He was given a couple of horses instead of wages and won races at various meetings on his way down to Adelaide. They were fed on grass at the side of the road and he rode them himself.

Winners beget winners and from one mare, he worked himself into quite a successful trainer in Adelaide. He won a Melbourne Cup with Comic Court which he'd bred and my Dad was Comic Court's strapper.

So your father, Bart Cummings, followed Jim?

Dad went off fruit picking and tried different things, but eventually came back to the stable and decided that he liked it. He took a licence out in the early 50's at the behest of the stewards, while his father was away. The rest, as they say, is history.

With the initials 'A.J.C.' you must have been destined to follow the family business?

I was at Adelaide University doing economics when a position came up in the stable; I'm afraid racing came first, football second and uni third. In the late 70's I shifted to Sydney for a twelve month stint and had a blue with Dad, so I went back to Adelaide and did a Business Management course amongst other things.

A year later, Dad rang and said: "Do you want another go?" and I said "Yes" and returned to Sydney. I've been here ever since apart from twelve months in the US working for Charlie Whittingham, a leading trainer and for Jack Robbins, a vet in California.

In 1991, I took out my licence and set up on my own shortly after.

Why do racing families seem to have such famous blues?

I suppose it's because everyone's convinced that they're right. You've got to have an opinion and at the end of the day you've got to back it.

How did Bart take you setting up your own stables?

Mixed feelings, I think. He was either glad to see the back of me, or wished I'd stayed. I wasn't sure.

What was the best horse you've trained so far?

Probably Might and Power, I bought him as a yearling for only \$40,000, but I only had him for a couple of years. Defier also started his career with me.

Final Card was my first Group 1 winner. He broke a 40 year record up the straight at Flemington; I was pretty excited about that. On Air won the AJC Oaks which was also a huge thrill.

What are the ingredients that make a really great horse?

Heart. A lot of horses have the mechanics, but they need a will to win. Some of them are smarter than others - they keep themselves out of trouble and get others into it.

What about jockeys?

For the very successful guys it's a hugely lucrative business. For the middle of the road guys it's a pretty tough life, the hours are hard, wasting all the time, it's pretty demanding on the body.

What makes a great trainer?

You need to be able to tell a slow one from a fast one.

You're married?

To Bernadette, four kids. Bernadette's a keen golfer and has taken up painting (not houses).

Is thoroughbred ownership only for the wealthy these days?

It's not a cheap business, but syndications put it within reach for many. It can be very lucrative and you don't have to get into the big time to come out in front. As a hobby, it is the only one that can make you a millionaire! I mean, a boat is always a hole in the water yet you've got horses that have won in excess of ten million.

How long have you been a Tattersall's member?

22 years. Dad got me in. As I've got older, I'm here a lot more often. I've had a bit of luck in snooker, running second in the last Snooker Calcutta and got to the final 8 the year before. I use the gym a bit and have gone back to swimming.

I've also got a few members in a horse called Tatt's Men. Bill McNally and I put it together. It's had one start and showed speed, pulled up shin sore and went to the paddock. He is now back in training and should be ready to run towards the end of July.

Will 'Tatt's men' be worth a bet?

Certainly! But only the Syndicate members will know!

